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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to a final official action dated December 3, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and 35 U.S.C. §102 (b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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